

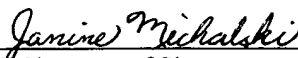
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

The Notice of Allowance mailed October 28, 2004, includes an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance (Page 2). The Reasons for Allowance states that:

"The cited prior art alone or in combination fails to teach the claimed invention set forth in claims 1, 6-11, 13-17, 22-30, 35-57 and 59-65. Specifically, the invention set forth (sic) these claims are directed to a method, system and a computer-readable medium for ascribing a ratee reputation to an entity by accessing a rater reputation and receiving a ratee reputation and generating a ratee reputation adjustment from the rater reputation and adding the reputation adjustment to the initial ratee reputation and also specific weighted averages of the ratings with the rater reputation fo (sic) the respective entity providing the rating. The closest prior art, Zacharia et al, teaches a rating reputation mechanism, but fails to include specific methods used in generating a reputation adjustment an (sic) how the reputation adjustment affects the initial ratee reputation and also fails to teach the specific weighted average methods used to generate a ratee reputation."

While Applicant agrees that all of the allowed claims patentably distinguish over the prior art and that the prior art fails to include the combination of features listed in the above-quoted language, Applicant points out that none of the independent claims recite all of the limitations included in the above quoted language. For example, none of independent claims 44, 51, 58 and 59 recite "receiving a ratee reputation", "generating a ratee reputation adjustment from the rater reputation" or "adding the reputation adjustment to the initial ratee reputation." Further, none of independent claims 1 and 11-13 recite "specific weighted averages of the ratings with the rater reputation for the respective entity providing the rating." These examples are merely illustrative, as additional limitations in the above-quoted language may be absent from one or more of the independent claims.

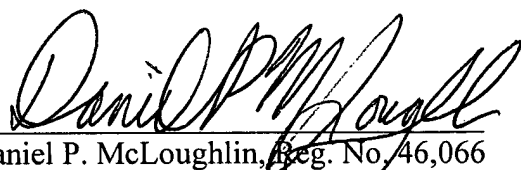
In view of the foregoing, the allowed claims are not limited in any manner by the language quoted in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance, and each of the independent claims is allowable based solely upon the combination of limitations recited in the claim.

If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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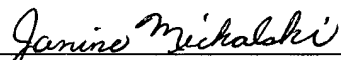
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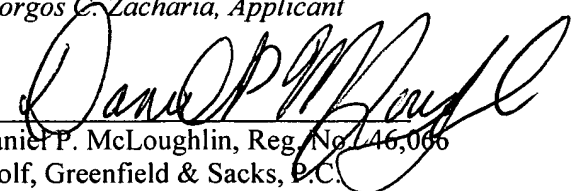
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